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State Council on Developmental Disabilities to Meet Sept. 19 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

The council recommends policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for North Dakotans with developmental disabilities, and supports projects and activities that maximize opportunities in these areas for consumers and families.

Meeting agenda items include a report from the Executive Director Cheryl Hess on the council's budget, membership mentors, and membership recruitment. Council members will also review 15 grant applications and hear nine presentations from agencies who work with people with disabilities. Other business may be discussed.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations can contact Bonnie Roth at 701-328-1980, <a href="mailto:broth@nd.gov">broth@nd.gov</a> or through Relay ND TTY at 1-800-366-6888.

The council consists of 20 members appointed by the Governor including people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of an individual with a disability, and various state agencies and other providers involved in the delivery of services and supports to people with disabilities.

For information about the council, go to <a href="www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/">www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/</a> or contact Hess at 701-328-4847, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or <a href="mailto:chess@nd.gov">chess@nd.gov</a>.

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